

tained in her heart that she had gotten a man from the Lord, through which she had bright hopes of some future favors which she could again have free access there to. But her fond hopes were soon, very soon, frustrated in a fatal tragedy. For Cain rose up against Abel, his brother and slew him. Gen. iv, 8.

And it was not until 130 years had glided away, that Adam begat a son in his own likeness—in the likeness of fallen Adam not in the perfect likeness of God—one who was disfigured with the Adamac curse and whose name was Seth. Here again our Mother Eve's hopes began to revive for God, said she, "hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel." Gen. iv, 25. And Mother Eve's hopes were not fruitless, for to Seth there was born a son: and he called his name Enos, then began men to call on the name of the Lord. What a grand and glorious privilege this is in time of need. And through this appointed seed of God shone the bright hopes of deliverance in which God saved a small remnant of his creature, man.

For behold, all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth and the earth was filled with violence. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man and beast. But Noah found grace in the eye of the Lord. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. Noah belonged to the lineage of Seth, the appointed seed of God. God does not co-operate with rebellious man. Therefore the lineage of Cain received a two fold curse and is unworthy of special notice any further but became lost to human knowledge. God co-operates with righteous Noah made a covenant with him, and gave him a plan by which he and his family might escape the terrible doom which he had determined to bring into execution upon the wicked Ante-diluvians.

By faith, Noah, being warned of God, of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an Ark to the saving of his house: by the which he condemned the world and become heir of the righteousness which is by faith. But by unbelief, the wicked Ante-diluvians, being warned of God of things

not yet seen, moved not with fear, prepared not themselves to enter the Ark, but received the condemnation and were lost in the terrible flood. The wrath of God against sin and sinful man was manifest in ages past; and yet the world is very stupid and unfeelingly careless in the things which insure their peace with God, and their deliverance from the pendulous doom which God pronounced against the ungodly. By faith in God and his word we shall be saved. By unbelief in God and his word we shall be lost. Jesus who was made so much better than the angels as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they: Heb. i, 4.

Such is the reputation which is given by high heaven concerning Him who was sent to save that which was lost. It was shown to St. John, who was on the Isle that is called Patmos, who it was that was able to open the book which was sealed with seven seals. "And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept, and one of the elders saith unto me: weep not: behold, the lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song saying, "Thou art to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to our God, kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. v.

All these beautiful and wonderful things are made manifest to St. John while in the Isle that is called Patmos, and were written in a book and given to the world for the purpose of revealing Almighty power and determined choice in the great redemption scheme of a lost and ruined mankind. God executed his power against the first human pair and drove them out from their Eden home and secured its entrance against them; all because they had lost lovely innocence and become defiled with guilt and shame. And in process of time God's patience become

wrath and brought the terrible flood which was only a repeated manifestation of God's power to subdue, by his wrath being brought into execution upon them. So it was from time to time while God's day of grace was extended to them. They were very slow to take God at his word, and make use of their golden moments in order to secure the approbation of God and obtain true happiness, but very quick to take their own word and way and spend their allotted time in vice and folly and reap God's wrath and lose the sought-for happiness. Happiness instinctive in our being. Mother Eve possessed a taste for that which is good for food; and she also desired wisdom; and with those two desires becoming predominant in her nature she transgressed her Maker's command, and partook of the mixed fruit in order to obtain her most desired wishes which proved to be a desire which cannot be quenched in such promiscuous state. Ever since the fall of man there has been sought out by man all kinds of inventions in order to find the much sought for treasure of happiness.

I do not understand for one moment that this desire for wisdom was in existence previous the presentation of that base enemy of God to the mother of all living. Neither do I think she doubted God's word until confused by the contradiction of God's word by Satan which disturbed the peaceful state of her mind. There is but one way to happiness and that is through the meritorious Redeemer which God sent for an offering of sin and to appease justice meted out against guilty man. Just as long as we are too stubborn or heedless in God's word we never need expect to reach the much desired goal—happiness. Through Jesus we are redeemed. Through him we regain our innocence which was characteristic before the fall. Through him we even obtain a higher position than our grandparents in Eden. For we shall be equal to the angels.

"He is not a true disciple, who utters high and lofty sentiments concerning him he calls Master, yet follows his own thought and will in the directing of the things concerning his life. But he only is a true disciple who gives up self-will and ownership, and does that alone which his Master calls for."